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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
Akihiko TAKEUCHI, et al. ) Examiner: Peter Lee  
Application No.: 10/743,405 ) Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: December 23, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 7937  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) March 14, 2005

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 14, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.